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TO: Lowell P. Braxton, Director

THRU: Mary Ann Wright, Associate Director

THRU: Wayne Hedberg, Permit Supervisor *W.H.*

FROM: Doug Jensen, Senior Reclamation Engineer *DJ*

SUBJECT: Request for Approval of Form and Amount of Replacement Reclamation Surety, Uintah County, Asphalt Mine, M/047/022, Uintah County, Utah

*As action must go to the Board. M. H. Wright 5/20/04*

The Division finalized the review of Uintah County's updated mine plan for their Asphalt Mine, located in Uintah County, Utah. This surety replacement became necessary due to the finalization of an agreement between Crown Resources and Uintah County. This agreement documents the reclamation liabilities for each of these two entity's at the Asphalt Ridge Mine.

The agreement between Uintah County and Crown Resources reduced Uintah County's reclamation liability from 80.5 to 43.6 acres, which ultimately reduced the required surety from \$146,400 dollars to \$115,900, escalated to year 2009. The operator has provided the Division with a replacement Reclamation Contract, showing the reduced acreage and surety amount. In July, 1989, the Board waived the requirement for Uintah County to post a formal contractual obligation.

If you are in agreement with the acceptance of the updated reclamation surety amount, please sign and date the Reclamation Contract. We will then forward copies of the signed and executed document along with final Division approval for reducing Uintah County's portion of this permit down to 43.6 acres. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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